PUBLIC HEALTH
DISABILITY AND
RESEARCH

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH HYDERABAD
Background
Access to healthcare for persons with disabilities (PWD) is not a niche issue. It is the fundamental right for people with disabilities, embedded in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and in the laws of most countries including India. The issue is also a critical one in this Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) era. There are many barriers for PWDs to have adequate access to health care. One of the key barriers is the lack of awareness about what it means to be disabled in a country like India. This is especially among those who provide primary care services and those who are interested in supporting them. PHFI and the Indian Institute of Public Health Hyderabad (IIPH) envisions a knowledge-empowered society with equitable access to health and rehabilitation services for PWDs, provided with an approach that is dignified, compassionate and evidence-based. Hence this program is specifically designed to sensitize public health professionals and students involved and/or interested in contributing to empowerment of PWDs.

Overall Aim
To create awareness and enhance the competencies of public health professionals on disability and its relevance to public health, especially in the context of India and other low and middle income countries.

Objectives
1. To develop an in-depth understanding of the importance of health and well-being of PWDs in the context of SDG, UNCRPD and national development agenda among public health professionals.

2. To build the capacity for meeting the needs of PWDs and strengthening the health system for disability inclusive development.

Specific Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this e-course, participants should be able to:
- Describe the broad conceptualization of disability.
- Appraise the epidemiological importance of disability from a public health perspective
- Discuss the application of epidemiological research
- Methods and their limitations, to the study of disability and health
- Relate the principles of rehabilitation to management of disability
- Identify the importance and assess the impact of disability policies and programmes in specific contexts (e.g. in relation to NCDs, Vulnerable populations and emergencies)

eCourse Content:
The eCourse is expected to include sessions addressing the following topics
- Conceptualization of disability
- Epidemiological importance of disability
- Research study methods in Disability
- Management of Disability
- Public Health Planning for Disability
- National Policies and Programmes for Disability

Teaching and Learning:
Learning is self-directed against a detailed set of learning objectives using the materials provided. This is an eLearning program involving pre-recorded virtual lectures, online group interactions, self-learning, assignments, exercises and assessments. There will also be an online discussion board to facilitate peer-learning and interaction with e-course mentors. There will also be a web-based email tutorial support system in place for the participants. English will be the main language for instructions. Faculty with diverse interdisciplinary expertise and experience especially in Disability and rehabilitation will teach the e-course.

Eligibility
Members of academia from various universities, medical colleges, public health schools and other colleges, members of non-profit organizations, researchers, consultants, corporate organizations and students of various streams who is interested in learning about disability and who wish to build a career to support persons with disabilities.

Duration
This is a three months programme designed to be delivered as a e-learning course.

Admission Process
Admission to the e-course will be granted based on merit. Eligible candidates will be screened objectively based on their academic qualification, experience and statement of purpose by the academic committee of the Indian Institute of Public Health Hyderabad.

System Requirements:
This e-course will be delivered through an online platform and participants will be required to access to computer with the following configuration
- Minimum band-width of 512 KBPS
- RAM 512 MB (1GB recommended)
- Processor Pentium 4 or equivalent and above
- Supported browsers Microsoft internet explorer 6 or later, Mozilla Firefox, 2.x, 3.x.r, Google Chrome
- Adobe flash player 10.1 for all types of operating systems
- Supported operating systems: Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Mac OS, Linux, Solaris
- Headsets with microphone (Web-Camera Optional)

eCourse Fees
Indian: 9000 INR , South Asian Candidates : 140 USD , Other International Candidates: 330 USD per candidate. The fee is inclusive of the complementary reading materials and is non-refundable.

eCourse Director:
Dr.GVS Murthy - Director of IIPH Hyderabad

For Admission/Additional Information:
The last date for application is 31st May 2021. For course related queries, please contact : Program officer, Academic Programs - eLearning, Indian Institute of Public Health Hyderabad. For more information & Online Application, please visit : https://cdl.phfi.org Website: www.phfi.org Phone# +91 40 49006000, email: disability_el@iiphh.org